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noted on the bill of health. All freight shipped from this port during the week has been satisfactory.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *February 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports and mortality statistics for past two weeks. The disinfecting room has been completed and is now ready for use. With this addition to the station equipment we can efficiently disinfect clothing, baggage, bedding, etc. I am having a copy of the plan and specifications made which I will forward to the Bureau when completed. Nothing of special interest has occurred in the shipping at this port.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

[Inclosure.]

*Number of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the two weeks ended February 10, 1900.*

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|---|-----|
| Infectious diseases—                          |     |
| Tuberculosis.....                             | 7   |
| Malarial fever.....                           | 4   |
| Tetanus .....                                 | 4   |
| Septicæmia.....                               | 2   |
| Diseases of the digestive apparatus.....      | 46  |
| Diseases of the circulatory system.....       | 6   |
| Diseases of the respiratory system.....       | 5   |
| Diseases of the nervous system.....           | 1   |
| Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.)..... | 27  |
| Total .....                                   | 102 |
| Births in the same period.....                | 62  |

*Monthly report from San Juan and subports.*

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *February 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit consolidated report for the month of January, 1900, for this station and the 5 subports:

Eighty-eight births and 93 deaths were reported during the month in the San Juan jurisdiction. Forty-two vessels were inspected against 38 during the same month of 1899.

The Spanish steamer *Montserrat*, which arrived from Havana on January 3, was not admitted to pratique, but transacted her business in quarantine. She brought 12 nonimmune passengers for this port, and they were held in observation quarantine at the Miraflores Station to complete the five-day period.

All baggage was disinfected in Havana except 3 pieces which were marked "To be disinfected," and these, together with the hand baggage which had been opened and used aboard ship during the voyage, 17 pieces in all, were disinfected at this port.